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No. 5,810,742 which is a Continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/US95/06141, filed May 19, 1995, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly delete claims 1-33, without prejudice.

Kindly add the following claims:

34.(New) A method of acquiring aligned breast images, comprising:

/ acquiring a mammogram of a breast in a first compression orientation; and acquiring an impedance image of the breast while the breast is in the first compression orientation.

35. (New) A method according to claim 34, comprising analyzing both to mammogram and impedance image to determine tumor information of the breast.

36. (New) A method according to claim 35, wherein analyzing both the mammogram and the impedance image comprises combining the mammogram and the impedance image into a single image.

AT. (New) A method according to claim 36, wherein analyzing both the mammogram and the impedance image comprises overlaying the mammogram and the impedance image.

38. (New) A method according to claim 36, wherein combining the mammogram and the impedance image into a single image comprises highlighting areas in the mammogram in which the impedance is relatively low or high.

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39. (New) A method according to claim 34, wherein acquiring the impedance image comprises acquiring using a pair of probes on opposite sides of the breast.

40. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the pair of probes comprises a pair of flat probes.

A1. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein acquiring the impedance image comprises acquiring an impedance image by each of the probes in the pair of probes.

42. (New) A method according to claim 34, wherein acquiring the mammogram comprises acquiring a film mammogram.

43. (New) A method according to claim 42, comprising digitizing the film mammogram.

A4. (New) A method according to claim 34, wherein acquiring the mammogram comprises acquiring a digital mammogram.

45. (New) Apparatus for examining a breast, comprising:

at least one impedance probe adapted to generate an impedance image of a breast in a first compression orientation; and

an x-ray imager adapted to generate a mammogram of the breast while the breast is in the first compression orientation.

46. (New) Apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the at least one impedance probe comprises a pair of impedance probes for positioning on opposite sides of the breast.

13 47. (New) Apparatus according to claim 46, wherein the pair of impedance probes are adapted to compress the breast therebetween.

48. (New) Apparatus according to claim 45, comprising an image combiner adapted to combine the impedance image and the mammogram into a single image.

49. (New) Apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the image combiner is adapted to overlay the impedance image and the mammogram to form the single image.

50. (New) Apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the image combiner is adapted to highlight those areas of the mammogram in which the impedance is relatively low or high.